



GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE

PROGRESS REPORT

ON

PLEDGE FOR ACTION (Pledge4Action)

**MADE AT THE 67TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC
DRUGS (CND), VIENNA AUSTRIA**

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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

During the 67th Session of the Commission on Narcotic drugs (CND) held in Vienna Austria from 14-22 March 2024, Zimbabwe made the following three pledges and undertook to fully implement them within a year:

- 1. To convert, within the next year, at least one decommissioned COVID-19 isolation facility in each of the 10 provinces into comprehensive drug treatment, rehabilitation and recovery facilities** for individuals with substance abuse disorders. The facilities will use evidence-based and holistic approaches to treatment and rehabilitation. In addition, the facilities will specifically prioritize both client-centred approaches and systemic family therapies to address the unique needs of each patient working closely with the families and communities through the existing and well-established community structures.
- 2. To establish a National Drug and Substance Agency**, whose major function shall be to coordinate efforts by different Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) towards the elimination of drug and substance abuse in the country. The National Drug Agency is expected to be fully operational by the end of 2024, taking over the coordination of all national drug and substance abuse activities currently being implemented by the National Task Force. Essentially, this will strengthen the current multi-sectoral Whole of Government and Society national response and coordination approach of leaving no one and no place behind.
- 3. To allocate a minimum of USD \$1.5 million towards the Nation's Drug and Substance Abuse programmes for 2024** and this will be managed through a special Drug and Substance Abuse Fund.

PLEDGE FOR ACTION SIX MONTHS PROGRESS

The following is the progress made in the past six months:

1. To convert, within the next year, at least one decommissioned COVID-19 isolation facility in each of the 10 provinces into comprehensive drug treatment, rehabilitation and recovery facilities.

A total of 10 facilities have been identified, one per province. Of the 10 facilities 2 are operational, and 5 have recently been assessed and are due to open end of November 2024. The operational ones are **Chipadze Detox and Rehabilitation Centre** in Bindura, Mashonaland Central Province and **Kwekwe Rehabilitation Centre** in Kwekwe, Midlands Province. The five (5) Centres scheduled for operationalisation are **Tendai Ward** in Harare Metropolitan Province; **Dzimwe Youth Centre** in Mazowe, Mashonaland Central Province; **Lobengula Clinic** in Bulawayo Metropolitan Province; **Tabudirira Clinic** in Mutoko, Mashonaland East Province; and **Mfelandawonye** in Victoria Falls, Matebeleland North Province. Resource mobilisation from both Government of Zimbabwe (GoZ) and partners continues to be intensified and strengthened for the rehabilitation and renovation of the identified facilities.

2. To establish a National Drug and Substance Agency

Following the approval by Cabinet of the principles for the establishment of the National Drug and Substance Abuse Control Agency (NDSACA), a draft NDSACA Bill has been formulated. The Draft Bill is undergoing finalisation by the Attorney General's Office for presentation to the National Committee and Cabinet Committee on Legislation (CCL) and then to Cabinet and Parliament. Once passed, it will then establish and operationalise the Agency.

3. To allocate a minimum of USD \$1.5 million towards the Nation’s Drug and Substance Abuse programmes for 2024

The pledged **USD\$1,5million** to support 2024 DSA programmes was allocated by Treasury, and all the seven pillars of the National Committee on Drug and Substance Abuse continue to implement responsive strategies towards the menace. However, resource mobilisation is ongoing towards the operationalisation of the recently launched Zimbabwe Multi-Sectoral National Action Plan on Drug and Substance Abuse (**2024-2030**)